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The Attorney General

DATE 3/2/81 BY SP4-Jm/Kza

May 29, 1975

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Director, FBI

Rockefeller Commission

UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

"CIA Info unclassified per let of  
John E. Bacon 8/27/80

This is in response to a request on May 19, 1975,  
that we review our files for any information concerning  
possible U. S. Government involvement in a plot to assassinate  
the former Dominican Republic Dictator Raphael Leonidas  
Trujillo.

A review was conducted of logical files; however, no  
information was located indicating U. S. Government involve-  
ment in the assassination of Trujillo, with the exception of  
several recent newspaper articles which implicated the  
Central Intelligence Agency in the assassination of Trujillo.

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Reference is made to Legal Counsel memorandum to  
Mr. J. B. Adams 5/20/75, captioned "SENSTUDY - 75," wherein it  
was indicated that on 5/19/75, it was requested that the Bureau  
determine through its files what information they might have  
concerning possible Government involvement in a plot to assas-  
sinate Dominican Republic Dictator Raphael Trujillo. Information  
re the 5/19/75 conversation furnished orally by Director to  
Mr. Adams.

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In this regard, all sections of the main file on  
Trujillo (109-485), as well as a Correlation Summary dated  
9/26/74 prepared from a review of all "see" references to  
the subject, were reviewed with negative results. Additionally,  
in connection with a recent request from the Rockefeller  
Commission concerning any information in Bureau files which would  
show connection of CIA with Mafia personalities, a review was  
made by IS-3 of the CIA relations files, specifically directed  
to any information concerning CIA involvement in assassination  
attempts. Review failed to develop any information regarding  
CIA involvement in a plot to assassinate Rafael Trujillo.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

**SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO**

**FILE NUMBER: 62-109060 CROSS-REFERENCES**



# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 22, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

The attached sets forth the results of an interview with Edward P. Morgan (former Bureau Inspector) on 3/20/67.

By way of background, during February, 1967, James J. Rowley, U. S. Secret Service, advised that Drew Pearson, contacted Chief Justice Warren concerning information in possession of Edward P. Morgan. The Chief Justice refused to see Morgan; however, it was determined Morgan alleged that former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy organized a group to go to Cuba to kill Castro. All of this group were killed or imprisoned except one person who escaped, and subsequently, after Castro learning of the plot, decided to utilize the same procedure to kill President Kennedy and that he hired Oswald to do the job. This information allegedly came from a client of Morgan. Secret Service made an appointment to talk to Morgan; however, he never showed up.

On 3/17/67, Mr. Watson at the White House advised that President Johnson desired the FBI to interview Morgan concerning any knowledge he might have had concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

Morgan was interviewed on 3/20/67 by Washington Field Office Agents. Due to attorney-client relationship, Morgan would not identify the persons who furnished him information concerning the assassination. He stated his clients, while not directly involved in the assassination, had knowledge of the plot. Morgan alleges his clients were used by a Government Agency (obviously Central Intelligence Agency, CIA) to plot the assassination of Fidel Castro, and that Castro learned of the plot, and thereafter, dispatched teams of assassins to the U. S. for the purpose of assassinating President Kennedy. He said his clients were aware of the identity of some of these individuals, and he understood that two such individuals were

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Enclosures

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Memorandum Report to DeLoach  
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JFK [REDACTED]

Morgan also stated that one of the clients he represented was a high type individual of the Catholic faith. When he queried this individual as to why he became involved in such a project as the assassination of Castro, his client indicated the project was so highly patriotically motivated that this overrode personal ethical or moral considerations.

During 1961, we conducted an investigation of a violation of Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communication Statute on the part of Arthur James Palletti, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on a wire tapping charge. Our investigation determined this involved Robert A. Maheu,\* private detective, that coverage was instituted in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element. [REDACTED]

We checked with CIA and learned CIA was utilizing Maheu as an intermediary with Sam Giancana, relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. On 5/22/61 we furnished the then Attorney General Kennedy a memorandum containing the rundown of CIA's involvement of this which involved Maheu who had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated at a cost of \$150,000. On 5/9/62 Kennedy advised he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with the Department of Justice. [REDACTED]

This information is briefly set forth in the enclosure as it appears to relate to information in Morgan's possession. Since CIA furnished information on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis and requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis, this is being set forth in the communications attached.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Mrs. Stegall at the White House, the Attorney General, and James J. Rowley, U. S. Secret Service, enclosing a memorandum setting forth the information furnished by Morgan, and information received from CIA. The enclosures to these communications are classified Top Secret.

\*former Special Agent



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He related that when he first heard the story from his clients he did not believe it, but conducted enough inquiry to satisfy himself that his clients had some basis in fact for their position and he felt they were telling the truth. He pointed out he represented substantial citizens, people who loved their country and had a high regard for the then President. If their story came out now, they would be damaged by the resultant publicity, and some prosecutor of the same type as District Attorney Garrison of New Orleans could conceivably attempt to initiate prosecution against them. At this point he noted that the charge against them might well be conspiracy to kill, which is a crime, and in the case of his clients the Statute of Limitations has not run.

In explaining this remark he pointed out that if he were a Government investigator assigned to unravel all facets of the assassination of President Kennedy, he would first concern himself with reading the newspaper articles dealing with the topic of a Castro plot. He said he would examine the Castro plot to determine precisely what bearing it had on the assassination of the President. He indicated the newspaper articles had considerable merit and were on the right track in regard to the theory of the assassination.

Without making any factual representations, and continuing to theorize, he went on to relate that his clients, whom he again characterize as respectable citizens, were called upon by a Governmental agency to assist in a project which was said to have the highest Governmental approval. The project had as its purpose the assassination of Fidel Castro, Premier of Cuba. Elaborate plans involving many people were made. These plans included the infiltration of the Cuban Government and the placing of informants in key posts within Cuba. The project almost reached fruition when Castro became aware of it and arrested a number of suspects. By pressuring captured suspects he was able to learn the full details of the plot against him and decided "if that was the way President Kennedy wanted it, he too could engage in the same tactics." Castro thereafter employed teams of individuals who were dispatched to the United States for the purpose of assassinating President Kennedy. ~~Mr. [redacted]~~ further



March 21, 1967

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

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On the evening of March 20, 1967, Attorney Edward P. Morgan,  
300 Farragut Building, Washington, D. C., furnished the following  
information relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

He advised that while this covered a wide range or field, it probably arose as the result of comments he made during conversations in which he suggested Lee Harvey Oswald was not the only person involved in the crime. He stated that he did have information pertaining to the assassination which he considered pertinent and relevant. He said it was necessary for him, in his capacity of attorney, to invoke the attorney-client privilege, since the information in his possession was derived as a result of that relationship. He added that it was still possible for his clients to be prosecuted. He pointed out that he was not stating or implying his clients were either directly or indirectly involved in the death of President Kennedy or could be prosecuted in this regard. However, they definitely face possible prosecution for a crime not related to the assassination of Kennedy. Due to their participation in this crime, his clients learned of information pertaining to the President's assassination. Mr. Morgan said he represented these clients on this specific matter. He did not elaborate on when they sought his legal counsel and he indicated he could not fulfill his responsibility and identify them. He said he gave considerable thought to finding some way to make this information available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but as yet had not come up with a solution. He considered a possible waiver from his clients but decided against this because the type of protection they needed was for some competent authority to grant them complete immunity, not only from prosecution but from the publicity that would surely follow. If in the future it becomes possible to overcome all legal obstacles, he will immediately make this information available to the Government and, more particularly, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 3/27/67

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Please note page 4 of the memorandum dated March 21, 1967

which was sent to Mrs. Stegall at the White House by the attached letter of March 22, and which covers the negotiations between Robert A. Maheu, acting for CIA, and Sam Giancana.

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*File to CCA to advise & request to inform SSG on termination of classification 4/27/77*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach *Dr*

DATE: May 15, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: EDWARD REID,  
AKA, ED REID  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Shroder  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Raupach

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Ed Reid, a former newspaperman from Las Vegas, who has written several books concerning the hoodlum element and in the past has been described as an irresponsible newspaperman guilty of dishonest reporting, contacted an Agent of our Los Angeles Office.

Initial contact was telephonically made on 5/6/67 at which time Reid indicated he had information concerning John Roselli. On 5/9/67, our Los Angeles Agent met Reid at which time Reid displayed a rough draft manuscript of his new book "Jungle U.S.A.," described as a history and study of organized crime. Reid refers to Carlos Marcello and indicated there was a meeting on 9/11/63 at Churchill Farms, outside New Orleans, Louisiana, attended by several people including Marcello and Reid's informant. Marcello was alleged to have said that in order to get Bobby Kennedy they would have to get the President, and they could not kill Bobby because the President would use the Army and the Marines to get them. The result of killing the President would cause Bobby to lose his power as Attorney General because of the new President. Reid reported in his book that a person who attended this alleged meeting was interviewed by Agents of our Los Angeles Office and furnished them the information. Reid described his informant as reliable, and after leaving New Orleans, his informant traveled to Dallas and Los Angeles and several days later was interviewed concerning the Billie Sol Estes case, at which time he allegedly related to our Agents what he heard at Churchill Farms. Reid said his informant identified our Agents as Jim Marbridge and L. Blanton.

Based on this information, Los Angeles reviewed *JUL 26 1967* files concerning the Billie Sol Estes case which revealed that James E. Ethridge and Lanford L. Blanton interviewed Edward Nicholas Becker 11/26/62. In this interview, Marcello was mentioned, and other interviews contained no reference to Marcello. Therefore, it appeared that Becker is Reid's informant. In Becker's interview, Marcello was mentioned in connection with a business proposition

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: EDWARD REID

and no mention was made of the Attorney General nor were other interviews conducted by these two Agents regarding this matter.

Agents who interviewed Reid told him that information regarding the Churchill Farms conversation was not received as he alleged. At this time, Reid refused to confirm or deny that Becker was his informant. It is noted Reid's informant indicated this information was received on 9/11/63; however, Becker's interview was conducted on 11/26/62, several months preceding. It is noted Edward Nicholas Becker is a private investigator in Los Angeles who in the past has had a reputation of being unreliable and known to misrepresent facts.

Reid declared although the FBI stated this information was not received from his informant, he intends to leave his story as it appears in his book as the book is now in the hands of his publisher.

In connection with John Roselli, Reid wanted to trade information concerning him which offer was refused. He mentioned he was concerned with Roselli's association with Attorney Edward Morgan of Washington, D. C. As you recall, Morgan was previously interviewed at the request of the White House concerning alleged information in his possession regarding the assassination. Also, Roselli was the connecting link between CIA and Robert Maheu who was hired by the CIA to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated. Roselli is also a member of the Chicago family of La Cosa Nostra who represents Chicago's interests on the West Coast and primarily in Las Vegas.

Carlos Marcello is a leading New Orleans hoodlum who was prosecuted in Federal Court for Fraud Against the Government - Conspiracy in connection with attempt to secure fraudulent birth records in Guatemala and was found not guilty 11/22/63.

The above information is set forth due to the fact the inaccurate information furnished by Reid will appear in a forthcoming publication.

ACTION:

For information.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

**SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO**

**FILE NUMBER: 139-1201 CROSS-REFERENCES**



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 2, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, Et al.  
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE  
OF COMMUNICATIONS

TOP SECRET

This case involves a wire tap placed on the telephone of Dan Rowan of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin by Arthur James Balletti and J. W. Harrison. Balletti was employed by Edward DuBois, a former Bureau Agent who runs a private investigating agency in Miami, Florida. Balletti admits to having been assigned to surveil Rowan in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was accompanied by J. W. Harrison, not further known to him who was supplied by Robert Maheu, another former Bureau Agent. Dan Rowan was reportedly engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters trio, who was also reportedly a girl friend of Sam Giancana. Giancana is under investigation by the Chicago Office as a top hoodlum.

Maheu claimed that he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interest there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles top hoodlum. Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room and discussed this matter with John Roselli. (u)

Colonel John Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA, on 5/3/61 advised that Maheu was used as an intermediary with Sam Giancana, relative to CIA's anti-Castro activities. Colonel Edwards said that since this was "dirty business," CIA could not be knowledgeable of Maheu's techniques and therefore had no information as to whether a telephone tap was authorized.

## CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Department, by memorandum dated 1/31/62, has requested that we reinterview Colonel Edwards to determine whether the CIA would object to the institution of a criminal prosecution in which Robert Maheu might be a defendant. (u)

- 1- Mr. Evans
- 1- Liaison Section

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
Re: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI

ACTION

It is recommended that the Liaison Agent with CIA reinterview Colonel Edwards in accordance with the Department's request.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials: "gub", "ch", "R. J. ...", "H", "Q", "V. ..."]*

ADDENDUM 2-8-62 (SJK:ban):

On February 7, 1962, Colonel Edwards advised the Liaison Agent that his agency would object to any prosecution which would necessitate the use of CIA personnel or CIA information. He pointed out that an introduction of any evidence concerning the CIA operation would be most embarrassing to the U. S. Government. *[Handwritten initials: "Q"]*

~~TOP SECRET~~



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : MR. SULLIVAN

DATE: April 13, 1962

FROM : D. J. BRENNAN

SUBJECT: ARTHUR JAMES BALLETTI, ET. AL.  
UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE  
OF COMMUNICATIONS~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 5, 1962, advising that Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was opposed to prosecution of Robert Maheu since such action could lead to exposure of most sensitive information relating to the Cuban invasion of April, 1961, and could result in damaging embarrassment to the U. S. Government. (u)

For your information, Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA, advised that his Agency was giving serious consideration to conerring with the Department of Justice concerning this matter. It is Edwards' understanding that if this is done contact will be made with the Attorney General or Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., of the Criminal Division.

ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the attention of the General Investigative Division.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Liaison
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**SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO**

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO: K. William O'Connor  
Special Counsel for Intelligence  
Coordination

FROM: JCK John C. Keeney  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Summaries of File #82-46-5

DATE: JUL 1 1975

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In response to your memorandum of June 30, 1975, in this matter, there is attached the requested summary of File Number 82-46-5. Also attached is a xerox copy of the May 14, 1962 memorandum from Sheffield Edwards of the CIA to the Attorney General.

While the attached file summary is more detailed and specific than we would ordinarily submit in response to a request of a Chairman of a Congressional Committee, nonetheless, in view of the background and previous access of the Committee representatives to this file, the more extended summary may be appropriate. We have not submitted the summary to the FBI, and I believe this should be done before it is sent to the Committee.

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SUBJECTS: Sam ~~Giancana~~, Robert ~~Maheu~~, Edward L. ~~Dubois, Jr.~~,  
Arthur James ~~Balletti~~ and Unknown Subject, aka  
J. W. ~~Harrison~~  
Conspiracy to Violate Title 47, U.S.C. §605  
(Wiretapping)

The following consists of a summary of the Bureau's investigation and the results of their investigation into the wiretapping of Dan ~~Rowan's~~ phone in his hotel room at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, in October 1960.

The Bureau's initial investigative report dated November 10,

1960, reflects the results of an interview with [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] Clark County Sheriff's Office on November 1, 1960, involving the arrest of Arthur Balletti on October 31, 1960 for bugging the telephone box in Dan Rowan's hotel room. A search of Balletti's hotel room reflected notes and notations which Balletti had written down dates and times on which he had recorded portions of Rowan's telephone conversations. A black suitcase in Balletti's room was opened and it contained a large quantity of electronic devices, including transmitters, receivers, wall plugs, a minifon wire recorder and a set of 17 professional-type lock picks. On his arrival at the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Balletti admitted that he had been hired by Investigations Incorporated of Miami, Florida, a company owned by former FBI Agent Edward DuBois, and that this company apparently had a client who had requested an investigation concerning Rowan's private life. Balletti admitted listening to and recording Rowan's telephone conversations since October 26, 1960. According to Balletti, one Fred T. Harris, an investigator from Miami, had entered Rowan's room and installed the listening device.

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In the course of questioning by [REDACTED] Dan Rowan

advised that within an hour of discussing the wiretapping of his phone with Phyllis McGuire of the McGuire Sisters.

The following information was obtained from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] asked Rowan

1960, reflecting if Sam Giancana, the Chicago hoodlum, who was known to have of the Detective Bureau, kept company with Phyllis McGuire in the recent past might have wanted to know what conversations Rowan and McGuire were having. Rowan replied, "How do you know about that?" and stated, "You certainly could have the answer." On November 1,

1960, Rowan appeared at the Clark County Sheriff's Office and signed a release, stating that he desired that all charges against Balletti be dropped and that no action be taken by the Clark County Sheriff's Office with regard to the burglary and the intrusion of privacy by use of a listening device, stating that Balletti was only working for someone else.

#### Request for Investigation

By memorandum dated December 5, 1960, the Criminal Division requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct a full investigation, noting that the facts set forth in the report referred to above indicated a violation of the provisions of 47 U.S.C. §605, and a conspiracy by Arthur James Balletti, Fred T. Harris, and possibly Investigations, Inc., Edward DuBois and others.



Results of Bureau Investigation Conducted  
at Criminal Division Request

By a report dated December 23, 1960, at Miami, captioned, "Arthur James Balletti; J. W. Harrison Unauthorized Publication and Use of Communications," a Special Agent of the Bureau advised that Edward L. DuBois, Jr., was interviewed on December 13, 1960, in Miami, Florida, at which time he stated that he had handled certain matters for a Robert Maheu, who operates a private investigation organization in Washington, D.C. DuBois stated that on October 25, 1960, he received a telephone call from Maheu's principal assistant, one Walter Fitzpatrick, requesting him to send two men to Las Vegas, Nevada right away for physical surveillance work. Maheu subsequently instructed DuBois to send only one man to Las Vegas and advised DuBois that he had hired one J. W. Harrison to accompany whomever DuBois sent. DuBois advised that he sent Balletti to Las Vegas on October 26, 1960. DuBois next heard from Balletti when Balletti phoned stating that he had been arrested in Las Vegas as a result of a wiretap and DuBois added that Balletti had been hired strictly for a physical surveillance.

The above-mentioned report dated December 23, 1960, reflects that on December 13, 1960, Arthur James Balletti was interviewed in Miami, concerning his activities in Las Vegas, Nevada. Balletti stated that he would discuss his activities with great reluctance and that it was very probable that he would refuse to answer many questions. Balletti advised that on October 26, 1960 he had flown from Miami, Florida to Las Vegas on a physical surveillance assignment on the orders of his employer, Edward L. DuBois, and that it was his understanding that he was actually working for some other private



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investigator who had requested the assistance of DuBois. According to Balletti, at the Miami International Airport he met an individual he identified as J. W. Harrison from a description previously given him and they flew together to Las Vegas. Balletti advised that while in Las Vegas he physically surveilled Dan Rowan and that Harrison apparently put some sort of wiretap in Rowan's room there and monitored Rowan's phone conversations and that he, Balletti, had nothing to do with the tap, did not see it installed and never did any monitoring. Balletti denied that he was accompanied to Las Vegas by one Fred T. Harris, stating that Harrison had used a ticket in the name of Harris and, for this reason, the police in Las Vegas apparently assumed Harrison was Harris. According to Balletti, Harrison left Las Vegas before Balletti was arrested on October 31, 1960. Balletti said he could not comment upon the electronic equipment found in his room.

An FBI investigative report dated December 22, 1960, at Los Angeles, reflects that on December 21, 1960, Dan Rowan furnished a signed statement to special agents of the Bureau at Los Angeles, California. According to Rowan, after originally signing a complaint against Balletti, he discussed the phone tapping incident with Harvey Silbert and Elias Atoll, members of the corporation which operates the Riviera Hotel and he, Rowan, decided that pressing charges against Balletti would inconvenience him. On November 1, 1960 at the Sheriff's Office, Rowan signed a release and dropped charges against Balletti. Rowan advised that he

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did not give  
/anyone authority to record telephone calls or to install  
listening devices in his Room No. 228 or No. 226 at the  
Riviera Hotel.

A Bureau investigative report dated December 30, 1960  
at Salt Lake City reflects that on December 20, 1960, Lt.  
Carl Smith advised that Balletti had been charged with in-  
vasion of privacy, a felony; possession of burglary tools,  
a misdemeanor; and operating as a private detective without  
a license, a misdemeanor, with a preliminary hearing set  
for April 24, 1961 in Justice of the Peace Court, Las Vegas.

The manager of Trans World Airlines, Las Vegas, advised  
that company records reflect that one, F. T. Harris departed  
Las Vegas on Trans World Airlines Flight No. 292 at 10:30 a.m.,  
on October 30, 1960, to St. Louis, Missouri, where he made  
connections with Trans World Airlines Flight No. 76 to Miami,  
Florida.

On December 22, 1960, the desk clerk at the Riviera Hotel  
was contacted and shown nine photographs, including one of  
Fred T. Harris. The desk clerk advised that he could not  
identify anyone whose photo had been exhibited as being identical  
with the individual who checked into the Hotel on October 26,  
1960 under the name of J. W. Harrison. The desk clerk added  
that he did not think he would recognize either Balletti or  
Harrison if he should see them in person.

On December 21, 1960, at Las Vegas, Nevada, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Clark County Sheriff's Office, furnished a list of  
articles in Balletti's possession at the time of his arrest.

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These included a telephone bug transmitter recovered from behind the bed in Room 228 at the Riviera Hotel; 17 lock picks; 2 telephone bug devices; one ear phone; one cigarette case containing a miniature transmitter; one Minox camera; one Minox film and other electronic and physical devices, equipment and tools, all enumerated on three typed pages of the foregoing investigative report dated December 30, 1960.

The hotel manager of the Riviera Hotel advised that hotel records reflect that from October 27 to November 5, 1960, Rowan made 15 long distance calls to Edgewood, Nevada, and that most of the calls had apparently been made to Phyllis McGuire.

The hotel manager also advised on December 21, 1960 at Las Vegas, Nevada, that according to hotel records, Arthur J. Balletti checked into the hotel on October 26, 1960 and was assigned Room 331 and that the registration card bears the notation, "in room with Harrison". Since Balletti's hotel bill was in excess of \$100 and he was not known, the manager and the chief of security for the hotel went to Room 331 and no one was in the room when they entered. At this time, they observed a yellow pad with the notation of time and a date which referred to Dan Rowan and the hotel manager observed in the top desk drawer what appeared to be a recording device. After discussing the bill with Balletti and receiving a somewhat uncertain identification, the hotel manager subsequently notified the Clark County Sheriff's Office that he had observed what appeared to be a recording device in Balletti's room and suspected that a listening device might be installed in Rowan's room. The hotel manager and Deputy Sheriff Eversole



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and another Deputy, name unrecalled, entered Rowan's room and the hotel manager observed what appeared to be some type of microphone taped to the rear headboard on the bed in Rowan's room with wires running to the telephone wall box. The hotel manager observed the Deputy Sheriff remove the article from the headboard.

This matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Raymond Sutton on December 22, 1960, and he advised Special Agents of the Bureau that he desired to have the results of a full investigation prior to rendering a prosecutive opinion. Mr. Sutton stated that upon the receipt of results of full investigation he would, in all probability, present the matter to the next federal grand jury which meets in Las Vegas.

By letter dated January 19, 1964, the Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division advised the United States Attorney at Reno, Nevada, Mr. Howard W. Babcock, attention: Mr. Raymond Sutton, that the United States Attorney furnish the Criminal Division with his prosecutive opinion upon completion of the investigation and that he not institute criminal prosecution without our prior authorization, unless time is of the essence.

According to a Bureau report dated December 12, 1961, at Washington, D. C., Robert Maheu of Maheu and King Associates, Inc., Washington, D. C., advised on December 27, 1960 that, he had received a call from a Los Angeles attorney asking Maheu to recommend someone to do investigative work in Las Vegas,

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Nevada for a client. Maheu stated that he recommended Edward DuBois and that the Los Angeles attorney requested him to contact DuBois to make the necessary arrangements to handle the investigation in Las Vegas. Maheu stated that he could not recall if he or Walter Fitzpatrick, an associate of Maheu, had contacted DuBois regarding this request. He stated that his firm was not involved in this matter and that DuBois had been contacted only as a favor to the Los Angeles attorney. Maheu denied that he had made a second call to DuBois instructing him to send only one man to Las Vegas, adding that he does not know any J. W. Harrison and is not acquainted with Arthur James Balletti. Maheu advised that he did not desire to furnish the identity of the Los Angeles attorney who originally contacted him without the attorney's consent.

By letter dated January 27, 1961, Mr. Howard Babcock advised the Criminal Division that prior to any presentment that office would be furnished with a prosecutive opinion and noted that the Bureau investigation in this matter has not yet been completed.

An FBI investigative report dated February 8, 1961, at Salt Lake City, reflects that efforts to identify unknown subject, J. W. Harrison, have been unsuccessful.

The above report dated February 8, 1961 also reflects that on January 2, 1961, at New York City, Phyllis McGuire advised that she had not given authority to anyone to install a listening device on Dan Rowan at any time and had no prior knowledge that such a device had been used before the arrest of Arthur James Balletti.



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The above report also reflects that Thomas Foley, Attorney-at-Law, advised on February 6, 1961, at Las Vegas, Nevada, that during the latter part of October 1960, he received a telephone call from James P. Cantillion, a Los Angeles attorney, requesting Foley to represent Arthur J. Balletti who had been arrested by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Foley asked Cantillion about payment of the legal fee and Cantillion stated that he would personally guarantee its payment. Foley stated that he immediately contacted a bail bondsman and arranged bond for Balletti. Foley stated that he was of the opinion that James P. Cantillion is the son of father and son team, Cantillion and Cantillion, a law firm in Los Angeles, California. Foley advised that Balletti's trial on the local charge was set for April, 1961.

A Bureau investigative report dated January 28, 1961 at Miami, Florida, reflects that Fred T. Harris advised on January 24, 1961 that although he formerly worked as a private investigator for Investigations, Inc., from June 1960 until November 16, 1960, he did not work for Edward L. DuBois. However, since November 16, 1960, he has been back with DuBois almost full time. Harris stated he definitely did not accompany Balletti to Las Vegas and knew nothing of this affair and while he could not pinpoint his complete activities, he was certain that he was never out of Miami during the period from October 26 through 30, 1960. Harris also stated that he knew nothing of electronic devices and never had any sound training and would have no idea as how to install any <sup>sort of</sup> wiretap.

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The same report reflects that Edward DuBois was interviewed on January 24, 1961, at Miami, Florida, stating again that Maheu had informed him that he could only send one man to Las Vegas, that he gave two round-trip tickets to Balletti who went to the Airport, met Maheu's man and travelled to Las Vegas. DuBois stated that Fred Harris definitely did not accompany Balletti to Las Vegas and did not work for him from June until the middle of November, 1960. DuBois stated he had no idea who had hired Maheu and that he had received \$1,000 from Maheu for Balletti's services in Las Vegas. When he, DuBois, learned of Balletti's arrest, he contacted Maheu in Los Angeles and Maheu knew of Balletti's arrest and arranged for a Los Angeles attorney to defend him. Maheu indicated he had made these arrangements through a Los Angeles attorney whose identity he did not disclose.

According to the above-mentioned report, dated January 28, 1961, at Miami, Florida, the desk clerk of the Kenilworth Hotel advised, on January 25, 1961, that registration records reflect that Robert A. Maheu of Washington, D. C., was registered in Room 722 from October 11-29, 1960 and that he was accompanied by one J. A. Rollins, also of Washington, D. C., who stayed in Room 701 from October 11-30, 1960. It was the desk clerk's recollection that Maheu paid the bill, for both of the rooms and she noted that it was possible that either Rollins or Maheu could have left the hotel for a few days and return and if the room was not given up, such information would not be reflected on the registration card.

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A Bureau investigative report dated February 14, 1961, at Miami, Florida, reflects numerous long distance phone calls of Robert Maheu made in October 1960 from the Kenilworth Hotel and four such calls made by J.A. Rollins during October 1960.

A Bureau investigative report dated March 6, 1961, at Los Angeles, California, reflects the telephone listing for the Los Angeles number called by DuBois immediately after Balletti's arrest and the telephone listing for Los Angeles numbers called by Maheu and J.A. Rollins from Miami Beach in October 1960. In addition, the report reflects that James P. Cantillion, attorney, Los Angeles, California, advised on March 1, 1961, that his first knowledge of the microphone incident in Las Vegas, Nevada, came from a telephone call to him from a man in custody at Las Vegas whose name he could not recall. When given the name Balletti, Cantillion acknowledged that the name was probably correct but stated that he had no knowledge of Balletti prior to the call which came from a Lieutenant either from the Clarke County's Sheriff's Office or the Las Vegas City Jail. He claimed privilege for his conversation with Balletti but advised that he referred the caller to attorney Tom Foley in Las Vegas. Cantillion stated that he knew Robert Maheu. Cantillion denied telephoning or otherwise contacting Maheu in Washington, D. C., or elsewhere, to ask him to perform surveillance on Dan Rowan.

A Bureau memorandum dated March 13, 1961, at Los Angeles, California, reflects information concerning James P. Cantillion, including that one John Roselli stayed at the Beverly Hilton Hotel when he came to Los Angeles and he visits with an attorney,

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James Cantillion of Beverly Hills, California. Records of the Los Angeles, California Police Department reflect that John Roselli, FBI # 3339986, was first arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department in 1924 for carrying concealed weapons, but the charge was dismissed. During the period from 1924 to 1932, he was arrested on several occasions on charges of suspicion of grand larceny, carrying concealed weapons and robbery. In testimony before the Kefauver Committee in October 1950, Roselli advised that he met Al Capone in Chicago and that he spent a day with Capone in Los Angeles, California, in about 1930. Records of the United States District Court indicate that on December 22, 1943, Roselli was found guilty of violation of Section 402A, Title 18, U.S.C., and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. The charge involved extorting money from motion picture producers to insure the studios against labor strikes.

The above report reflects that Cantillion was apparently involved in business transactions with Roselli and had been visited by Roselli and one Louis J. Lederer, a close friend of Roselli and apparently linked to nationally-known hoodlum and gambler, Frank Costello, of New York. Cantillion, Lederer and Roselli were, according to the report, all involved in hotels and gambling operations in Las Vegas, Nevada.

A Bureau investigative report dated March 27, 1961, at Washington, D. C. reflects that on January 19 and January 30, 1961, Robert Maheu was interviewed and remained unable to supply the name of the Los Angeles attorney who had originally contacted him and requested him to contact Edward DuBois.

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Maheu advised that he had stayed at the Kenilworth Hotel in Miami Beach during the latter part of October 1960, but denied that he had instructed DuBois to send only one man to Las Vegas and stated that his only involvement in the matter was to have DuBois contacted at the request of the Los Angeles attorney. Maheu identified the J.A. Rollins who was with him at the Kenilworth Hotel as John A. Rollins and would not identify him further, stating Rollins was working indirectly for him in Miami. Maheu denied that Rollins was the individual who went to Las Vegas to assist Balletti. Shortly after the interview, Mr. Maheu telephonically contacted a Special Agent of the Bureau at the Washington Field Office, stating that "he had just received a telephone call and if this matter could be held up for a few days, it would be all straightened out."

A Bureau report dated April 6, 1961, at Miami, Florida, reflects that Balletti was interviewed on March 29, 1961 at which time he denied ownership of the technical equipment confiscated in his hotel room aside from a tape recorder and cameras. Balletti stated that he did not recall telling the arresting officers at Las Vegas that J. W. Harrison was actually Fred Harris of Miami. Balletti stated that on October 30 or 31, 1960, he received a long distance telephone call from Robert Maheu who instructed him to contact T. W. Richardson at the New Frontier Hotel. Maheu advised Balletti

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that Richardson would pay him \$1,000 and that when Balletti contacted Richardson giving a password, Richardson gave him 10 one hundred dollar bills in a men's room. Balletti again denied that he knew the true identity of J. W. Harrison.

The same report reflects that on March 20, 1961, DuBois advised that Robert Maheu had paid him \$1,000 in cash as his retainer. DuBois claimed that Balletti had told him that on October 31, 1960, he, Balletti, received a long distance telephone call from Maheu who claimed that he was calling from Los Angeles and instructed Balletti to contact a Mr. Richardson and that Richardson would pay him the retainer. DuBois was asked if he knew John A. Rollins and he stated that he did not know anyone by that name. DuBois was questioned regarding the equipment found in Room 331 of the Riviera Hotel at the time Balletti was arrested and DuBois denied that any of the technical equipment aside from the minifon tape recorder and the cameras belonged to his agency. DuBois assumed that the equipment belonged to J. W. Harrison. DuBois reiterated that he did not know the name of the principal in this case who contacted Maheu to have the surveillance conducted on Rowan.

A Bureau report dated April 11, 1961 reflects that a communication from the Washington Field Office dated February 13, 1961, advised that Maheu was still unable to secure permission from the attorney to divulge the attorney's name to the FBI. Maheu denied that Rollins was the individual who went to Las Vegas with Balletti, stating that the Kenilworth Hotel records

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in Miami would reflect that Rollins was there during the period Balletti was in Las Vegas.

This report reflects that by communication dated March 28, 1961, the Riviera Hotel registration card, which contained the handwriting of the unknown subject, also known as J. W. Harrison, was submitted to the FBI Laboratory to be compared with the handwriting on the registration card from the Kenilworth Hotel at Miami Beach which bears the name J. A. Rollins.

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According to a Bureau investigative report dated April 12, 1961 at Los Angeles, California, Dan Rowan telephonically contacted a special agent of the Bureau on April 5, 1961 at which time he advised that he did not believe that he had any information of pertinence to add. Rowan stated that he first heard of Sam Giancana from a [REDACTED] with the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada and stated that he had never met Giancana. Rowan advised that he has discussed Giancana on one or two occasions with Phyllis McGuire, observing that she was hesitant to discuss Giancana and stated that her relationship with him took place long ago and she saw no reason to discuss it. McGuire stated that Giancana still sends her gifts and flowers, but that this is entirely his idea and she has nothing to do with him.

#### CIA Involvement

A Bureau memorandum dated April 20, 1961 at Washington, D.C., reflects that on April 18, 1961, Maheu advised that following the recent invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro forces



he was now in a position to furnish additional information regarding the situation involving the subjects at Las Vegas, Nevada. At this time, Maheu offered his explanation (set forth in detail in a previous memorandum concerning Central Intelligence Agency involvement in this matter) that Rowan's hotel room was to be the subject of electronic surveillance in connection with determining the source of a leak of information on the part of an individual in the Chicago area. Maheu stated that his work could be verified by "Shef Edwards", Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, CIA.

The Director of the Bureau advised the Attorney General by memorandum dated May 22, 1961 that the full investigation requested in this matter is continuing, although the memo noted in view of the information regarding CIA's attempted utilization of the "hoodlum element" in connection with anti-Castro activities, CIA has requested that this information be handled on a "need-to-know" basis. The Bureau also attached to this memorandum the results of an interview on May 3, 1961 with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, which has previously been set forth in detail in the memorandum setting forth the CIA's involvement in this matter.

By communication dated April 11, 1961, the FBI Laboratory advised that the handwriting on the Kenilworth Hotel, Miami Beach, registration card and the hand-printed name of J.A. Rollins was not comparable with the handwriting on the Riviera



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Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, registration card bearing the signature of J.W. Harrison.

On May 13, 1961, records of the Clark County Sheriff's Office reflect that the State charges against Arthur James Balletti were dismissed on April 24, 1961, since the complaining witness did not desire to prosecute.

A Bureau investigative report dated June 6, 1961 at Washington, D. C. reflects that on May 25, 1961, Maheu again advised of his involvement with the Central Intelligence Agency in connection with their attempt to utilize Giancana in connection with the CIA's activities against the Castro government. Maheu stated that the original contact with Giancana was made by "Johnny" who Maheu declined to further identify. Maheu stated that it was his decision to have a microphone coverage installed in Rowan's room and he was extremely careful as he did not want to involve the CIA. Maheu advised that DuBois did not know the CIA's interest in this matter and in requesting DuBois to handle the assignment, he had used a pretext indicating to DuBois that a Los Angeles, California attorney had made the original request for coverage of Rowan. Maheu still denied that he had called one DuBois instructing him to send only/man to Los Angeles and that he, Maheu, would supply the second man. Maheu subsequently advised that he had sent word to Sam Giancana as to the extent of the investigation following his Bureau interview on May 25, 1961.

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An FBI report dated June 26, 1961 at Miami, Florida reflects that Edward DuBois and Arthur Balletti, after viewing a photo of John Roselli, said on June 20, 1961 that they did not recognize him and that they have not been in contact with him in connection with their investigation of Rowan at Las Vegas, Nevada. However, one employee of the Kenilworth Hotel advised that she believed the photograph of John Roselli was a photograph of J.A. Rollins, but could not make a positive identification without seeing the man in person.

An FBI report dated June 29, 1961, at Las Vegas, Nevada, reflects that on June 17, 1961, the manager of the Riviera Hotel advised that he knows John Roselli by sight and that so far as he knew, Roselli had never stayed at that hotel and he felt sure that Roselli was not the individual who checked into the hotel on October 26, 1960, using the name J.W. Harrison.

According to a Bureau investigative report dated June 30, 1961, at Los Angeles, Robert Maheu advised on June 29, 1961 that the "Johnny" to whom he made contact with Sam Giancana was John Roselli and that he discussed the plan to wire Rowan's room with Roselli before it was done. It was pointed out to Maheu that the explanation he gave in a previous interview for wiring Rowan's room did not appear logical and was far removed from the purpose for which he was hired by the Central Intelligence Agency. Maheu stated that he would stick to the explanation previously given and wished to add that he would never have ordered Rowan's room wired except for his connection with the CIA.

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An FBI investigative report dated July 19, 1961, at Chicago, reflects that Samuel M. Giancana was interviewed at O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, on July 12, 1961 by special agents of the Bureau and he refused to make any comment regarding Maheu and refused to admit that he was acquainted with Dan Rowan. In the course of the interview, Giancana became very abusive and obscene. During this time, Miss Phyllis McGuire, who apparently traveled with Giancana, was also interviewed by special agents of the Bureau, although the results of that interview were not reflected. The special agents' conversation with Giancana was terminated upon the appearance of Miss McGuire. Giancana left accompanied by Miss McGuire.

An FBI report dated July 20, 1961 at Los Angeles, California, reflects that Maheu was interviewed on July 15, 1961 and persisted in his story with respect to the bugging of Rowan's hotel room. Maheu denied that the installation of the device in Rowan's room was made at the request or for the benefit of Sam Giancana or John Roselli.

The same report reflects that Roselli was interviewed on July 7, 1961, and admitted that he had known Maheu for approximately 5 years. When asked if he knew Giancana, Roselli stated, "Let's discuss the weather. I do not care to answer any more questions."

On August 2, 1961, United States Attorney Howard W. Babcock, at Las Vegas, Nevada, advised that he is not certain that it could be proven that any information received by Balletti and the unknown subject was ever "disseminated" and also

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he was very concerned about the possibility of information becoming known of Robert Maheu performing work for the CIA.

By letter dated October 13, 1961, Mr. Babcock noted that his successor assumes office on October 16, 1961 and, therefore, felt it appropriate that his successor review the file and investigative reports.

In response to a request from the Criminal Division dated January 31, 1962, the Bureau ascertained from the Director of Security of the Central Intelligence Agency, Col. Sheffield Edwards, that his Agency would object to any prosecution which would necessitate the use of CIA personnel or CIA information and that the introduction of any evidence concerning the CIA operation would be most embarrassing to the United States Government. This Bureau reply was dated February 9, 1962.

In response to an additional request from the Criminal Division dated March 19, 1962, the Bureau replied, by memorandum dated April 10, 1962, that Col. Edwards advised that Maheu's prosecution undoubtedly would lead to exposure of most sensitive information relating to the abortive Cuban invasion in April 1961 and in view of this, his Agency objects to the prosecution of Maheu.

By memorandum dated April 24, 1962, Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, advised the Attorney General that it is clear that the national interest will preclude any prosecution resulting from the Nevada wiretap case, adding at the conclusion of the memo that prosecutive action will be declined.



1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. W. V. Cleveland

The Attorney General

September 3, 1975

Director, FBI

2 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
(1 - Mr. J. B. Hotis)  
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall  
1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar  
1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy

UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to the letter addressed to Mr. Shaheen from the SSC dated August 25, 1975, which requested staff access to "all memoranda written by Special Agent Sam Papich or Special Agent Mel Kurtz concerning contacts between any CIA personnel and (a) Robert Mahen; (b) Sam Giancana; (c) John Roselli; or (d) Santos Trafficante during the period 1960-1963."

Attached for your approval and forwarding to the SSC is the original of a memorandum which responds to the request contained in the above-mentioned SSC letter.

A copy of the memorandum is also being furnished for your records.

Enclosures - 2

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Special Counsel for  
Intelligence Coordination

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NOTE:

We have previously disseminated information to the SSC concerning information developed re CIA involvement with the hoodlum element as it concerns efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro. We first became aware of such CIA involvement in connection with our investigation of an Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications case involving one Arthur James Balletti

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## **The Attorney General**

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in 1961. Prior to that investigation, we had developed information through a source that Sam Giancana was involved in an operation to assassinate Fidel Castro; however, that information did not concern involvement with any Government agency. Information developed in connection with the Balletti case surfaced CIA's involvement with Robert Maheu, Sam Giancana, and John Roselli, the latter two being hoodlums. We promptly disseminated this information to the Attorney General. All pertinent material has been made available to the SSC; however, they continue to seek underlying material on which our dissemination was based. One of the SSC investigators recently interviewed former SA Papich who indicated to the investigator he had dictated a number of memoranda concerning CIA's involvement with hoodlums. Apparently, based on that interview, the SSC has now made this additional request. Extensive file reviews of all individuals mentioned in the SSC request have been made and a number of memoranda dictated by Papich have been found. None of these memoranda shed any additional light on assassination attempts against Castro. They do show, however, continuing contact between representatives of the CIA and John Roselli during the period we were mounting an operation against Roselli. They further show that CIA officials did not consider attempting to interfere with our operations or prosecution of Roselli. Section Chief R. J. McCarthy, Criminal Intelligence and Organized Crime Section, Special Investigative Division, has advised that the Special Investigative Division interposes no objection to making the documents available for review by the SSC.



- 1 - Mr. J. B. Adams
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September 3, 1975

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**U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO  
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH  
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)**

**RE: REQUEST FOR STAFF ACCESS TO  
UNDERLYING MATERIALS LOGICALLY  
RELATED TO INFORMATION IN FBI  
FILES CONCERNING ASSASSINATION  
ATTEMPTS AGAINST FIDEL CASTRO  
IN WHICH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WAS INVOLVED**

Reference is made to the letter to Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.,  
Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, Office of the Deputy Attorney  
General, U. S. Department of Justice, dated August 25, 1975, from John T.  
Elliff, Director, Domestic Intelligence Task Force, of captioned Committee. ✓

Referenced letter requested Committee access to "all memoranda  
written by Special Agent Sam Papich or Special Agent Mel Kurtz concerning  
contacts between any CIA personnel and (a) Robert Maheu; (b) Sam Giancana;  
(c) John Roselli; or (d) Santos Trafficante during the period 1960-1963."

The "Mel Kurtz" mentioned above is identical with former Special  
Agent Maffert W. Kuhrtz, who retired from the FBI on November 21, 1962. ✓

For your information, Mr. Kuhrtz served on the Domestic Liaison  
staff of the FBI until May 29, 1961, when he was transferred to the Inspection  
Division of the FBI. From November 16, 1961, until January 4, 1962, he  
was temporarily assigned to the FBI Domestic Liaison staff to handle duties  
of former Special Agent Sam Papich, who was on a special assignment. ✓

Extensive file reviews, including our complete holdings on Maheu,  
Giancana, Roselli, and Trafficante, as well as our holdings on anti-Castro  
activities, have again been made and the only memorandum written by  
Mr. Kuhrtz concerning the subject matter of interest is the memorandum

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**Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSC)**

**Re: Request for Staff Access to Underlying Materials Logically Related to Information in FBI Files Concerning Assassination Attempts Against Fidel Castro in which the Central Intelligence Agency Was Involved**

dated May 4, 1961, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al., Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications," which reported his interview of Colonel Sheffield Edwards, then Director of Security of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), on May 3, 1961. Staff access to this document was provided to Messrs. Epstein and Postal on August 20, 1975.

With regard to memoranda written by Mr. Papich concerning the subject matter of interest during the period 1960-1963, extensive file review has located the following documents: u

Addendum to a memorandum dated February 2, 1962, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al., Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications," which reported a Papich contact of Colonel Sheffield Edwards on February 7, 1962, at Department of Justice instruction, to determine if CIA would object to the institution of a criminal prosecution in which Robert Maheu might be a defendant. Messrs. Epstein and Postal reviewed this document on August 20, 1975.

Memorandum dated April 5, 1962, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al., Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications," which reported a contact of Colonel Edwards by Papich on April 2, 1962, at the request of the Department of Justice. This memorandum was reviewed by Messrs. Epstein and Postal on August 20, 1975.

Memorandum dated April 13, 1962, captioned "Arthur James Balletti, et al., Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications," which reported that Colonel Edwards advised Papich that CIA was giving serious consideration to conferring with the Department of Justice concerning possible proposed prosecutive action by the Department against Robert Maheu and the resultant damaging embarrassment such action could cause the U. S. Government. Mr. Edwards indicated it was his understanding that if such contact was made it would be with the Attorney General or Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division of the Department.



**Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities (SSC)**

**Re: Request for Staff Access to Underlying Materials Logically  
Related to Information in FBI Files Concerning Assassination  
Attempts Against Fidel Castro in which the Central Intelligence Agency  
Was Involved**

Memorandum dated June 21, 1963, which reported a Papich interview of William Harvey, a CIA employee, charged with closing out the relationship between CIA and John Roselli. According to Harvey he had met with Roselli on June 20, 1963, for that purpose.

The pertinent portions of this interview were reported in our dissemination to the Attorney General, dated March 6, 1967, captioned "Central Intelligence Agency's Intentions to Send Hoodlums to Cuba to Assassinate Castro."

A copy of the above-mentioned communication has been provided to your Committee. u

Extensive file review has located a number of documents which, while not in the time frame of your request, do have a bearing on the subject of interest. These memoranda were prepared by Mr. Papich between the years 1966-1968 and for the most part concern contacts between John Roselli and William Harvey. Harvey was charged with winding up the relationship between Roselli and CIA. One memorandum, dated June 3, 1966, concerns advice from CIA that that Agency had terminated its working arrangement with Robert Mahen.

The above-mentioned documents are available for review in Room 4171, J. Edgar Hoover Building, by appropriate personnel of the Committee staff. ~

1 - The Attorney General



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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Addressee: Senate Select Committee

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Made available to appropriate personnel of the SSC Staff for review at FBIHQ, memorandum prepared by Sam Papich between years 1966-68 and for the most part concern contacts between John Roselli and William Harvey. Harvey was charged with winding up the relationship between Roselli and CIA. One memorandum 6/3/66 concerning advice from CIA that that Agency had terminated its working arrangement with Robert Mahou.

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1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
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September 16, 1975

The Attorney General

Director, FBI  
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Reference is made to the letter to the Attorney General from Senator John Tower, Vice Chairman, SSC, which enclosed two letters from John T. Elliff, Director, Domestic Intelligence Task Force, SSC, both dated September 11, 1975. One of these letters contained 26 requests, the second 8 requests, all of which requests relate to SSC interest in CIA involvement with the hoodlum element in connection with plans to assassinate Fidel Castro.

With regard to Item 6 in the letter containing eight requests, we believe that the document requested is in the Department's Giancana correspondence file, as we have no such file designated as such, nor could we locate such a document in our files. Further, we feel the Phil White referred to in the request was connected with the Department.

Enclosed is a memorandum for your approval and forwarding to the Committee in response to the above-mentioned letters of September 11, 1975.

Also enclosed for your records is a copy of the memorandum prepared for the Committee.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Special Counsel for  
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**The Attorney General**

**NOTE:**

The SSC requests were directed to the Attorney General by letter from Senator Tower, Vice Chairman, SSC, who asked that the furnishing of the material requested be afforded the highest priority. In forwarding the request, the Department has requested that the material be made available by 9/16/75. The requests, copies of which are attached, deal mainly with communications concerning John Rosselli and Sam Giancana, top hoodlums who were utilized by CIA through a cutout in efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro. The FBI has promptly disseminated any and all information received concerning this subject at the time of its occurrence specifically to then Attorney General Robert Kennedy and the Committee has been so advised. It appears that the majority members of the Committee are attempting to prove that the Kennedys were unaware of the CIA assassination plot while the minority members are attempting to prove otherwise. As the majority of the information being requested by the Committee concerns the hoodlum element, the documents being furnished have been reviewed by representatives of the Special Investigative Division and they interpose no objection to the transmission of these documents to the Committee.



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**U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO  
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RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)**

Reference is made to the two letters, both dated September 11, 1975, to Michael E. Shaheen, Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination.

The letter containing 26 requests will hereinafter be referred to as request #1. The second letter containing 8 requests will be referred to as request #2.

The materials requested in the above-mentioned letters have been processed and will be delivered to the Committee on September 16, 1975, with this communication.

It is noted that Item 6, request #1, and Item 5, request #2, are identical requests.

With regard to Item 5 of request #1 which refers to an "FBI Report of November 11, 1962 re: Crime Conditions in Los Angeles," we can find no such report; however, we have located such a report dated November 15, 1962. Please advise if that is the report of interest to you.

With regard to Item 10 of request #1 identified as an FBI memorandum of February 6, 1962, from Rosen to Belmont, your letter states that Mr. Postal of your staff had previously reviewed this memorandum. The memorandum which Mr. Postal reviewed was dated February 2, 1962. A copy of this memorandum is being furnished.

With regard to Item 12 of request #1 identified as an FBI report of October 10, 1961, contained in Bureau file 92-3267, we can locate no such report in that file; however, we did locate a report in that file dated October 16, 1961, a copy of which is being furnished.

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**U. S. Senate Select Committee On Intelligence Activities (SSC)**

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05 With regard to Item 24 of request #1, our indices contain no references to a [redacted] One reference concerning a [redacted] and one reference to a [redacted] were located. A Xerox copy of each of these indices cards is being furnished. ✓

b7C With regard to Item 25 of request #1 which requested advice as to whether there is any information contained in the John Rosselli electronic surveillance logs concerning 18 individuals or situations, a check of our electronic surveillance indices revealed references to three of the individuals; namely, Sam Giancana, [redacted] and Robert Maheu, as having been overheard through electronic surveillance coverage on John Rosselli. Without further advice as to the identity of "any White House person" or "any DOJ person" no logical search of electronic surveillance indices can be made. ✓

With regard to Item 26 of request #1 in which you requested to be advised if six individuals had been the subject of electronic surveillance, our files reveal that two of the six named were the subjects of such coverage; namely, Sam Giancana and Santos Trafficante. ✓

In view of the fact that some of the information contained in the material being furnished originates from sensitive FBI sources in the criminal field and because of privacy considerations of individuals referred to in this material, it is requested that access be restricted to those persons having an absolute need to know. ✓

1 - The Attorney General



SEP 12 1975

TO: Richard L. Thornburgh  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

John A. Mintz, Assistant Director  
Legal Counsel Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Special Counsel for Intelligence  
Coordination

SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee Requests

Attached for your attention and priority response are two letters from the Senate Select Committee.

One letter makes 26 numbered requests. Requests numbered 11, 19 thru 23, invite Criminal Division response. All other requests seek Bureau response. (I have also attached a letter from Senator Tower to the Attorney General in which he asks that the Attorney General assign these requests the highest priority.)

The second letter contains 8 numbered requests, all of which are addressed to the Bureau. (You will note they involve the same area of inquiry as those for which Senator Tower requests priority treatment.)

Please arrange for the prompt preparation of responses.

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Information furnished relates to communications concerning  
John Roselli and Sam Giancana, top hoodlums utilized by  
CIA in efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro.

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## United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE TO  
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(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 21, 94TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 11, 1975

# SENSITIVE

Honorable Edward H. Levi  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

You are doubtless aware of the fact that this Committee is completing its work on an interim report on the assassination question. Evidence relating to critical aspects to the report have recently come to the attention of our staff. It appears that certain documentary and other evidence in the possession of your Department has direct and material bearing upon our ability to fully explore these new matters.

In consultation with the Chairman, it has been determined that these matters should be assigned the highest priority. Accordingly, it is requested that you provide such assistance as may be appropriate to facilitate production of the materials called for by the attached document request which has been transmitted to Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., your Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination. It is anticipated that witnesses having information relative to these new matters under investigation will be interviewed as early as Tuesday of the coming week.

While it is with the greatest reluctance that the Committee must request this further burdening of your resources, it is hoped that the specificity of this request will expedite compliance.

Your continuing cooperation in support of our mandate is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*John Tower*  
John Tower  
Vice Chairman





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## United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE TO  
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH  
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 21, 94TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 11, 1975

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Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Esquire  
Special Counsel for Intelligence  
Coordination  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shaheen:

The following list of documents and materials contained in the  
FBI and Justice Department files are hereby requested by the Senate  
Select Committee on Government Operations with Respect to Intelligence  
Activities:

① Memorandum of February 27, 1962 from Director, FBI to Attorney  
General re: John Rosselli.

② FBI Report of January 3, 1962 contained in Bureau file  
#92-3171.

③ Memorandum of January 12, 1962 from Director, FBI to Attorney  
General re: Nevada Gambling Industry.

④ FBI Report of October 17, 1962 contained in Bureau file  
#92-3267.

⑤ FBI Report of November 11, 1962 re: Crime Conditions in  
Los Angeles contained in field file #94-250 Los Angeles.

⑥ Memorandum of July 9, 1963 from Director, FBI to Attorney  
General re: Samuel Giancana.

⑦ FBI Report of July 15, 1963 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.





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- ⑧ FBI Report of August 5, 1963 contained in Bureau file #92-3171.

Items 9 and 10 are contained in documents previously made available for inspection by A. Postal.

- ⑨ FBI Memorandum of April 5, 1968 from Brennan to Sullivan.

- ⑩ FBI Memorandum of February <sup>2</sup>6, 1962 from Rosen to Belmont.

- Post* ⑪ Letter from Department of Army, Security Division, received April 3, 1962, and contained in the Samuel Giancana correspondence file, in Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Criminal Division.

- <sup>16</sup> ⑫ FBI Report of October 10, 1961 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.

- ⑬ FBI Report of November 22, 1961 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.

- ⑭ FBI Report of August 4, 1961 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.

- ⑮ Memorandum of March 7, 1961 from Director, FBI to Attorney General in abovementioned Giancana correspondence file.

- ⑯ Memorandum of May 18, 1961 from Director, FBI to Attorney General.

- ⑰ Letter to Attorney General from Director, FBI of December 11, 1961, re: Giancana or Rosselli.

- ⑱ Letter from Director, FBI to Attorney General of November 24, 1961, re: Giancana or Rosselli.

- ⑲ FBI Report of January 28, 1961 contained in DOJ file #82-46-5.

- ⑳ FBI Report of July 18, 1961 contained in DOJ file #82-46-5.

- Dept* ㉑ Memorandum re: AUSA in Las Vegas of August 16, 1961, and contained in DOJ file #82-46-5.

- ㉒ Note of October 6, 1961 contained in DOJ file #82-46-5.



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23. Access to Criminal Division file #71-4-16-27 re: anti-Castro activities.

24. Xerox copies of name index cards, and subject of each file identified on:

25. The Committee wishes to be advised whether there is any information contained in the John Rosselli electronic surveillance logs concerning:

- a. Castro
- b. CIA
- c. Judy Campbell
- d. Robert Maheu
- e. [REDACTED]
- f. Balletti Wiretap Case
- g. [REDACTED]
- h. Bill Harvey
- i. Sheffield Edwards
- j. Samuel Giancana
- k. Santos Trafficante
- l. [REDACTED]
- m. [REDACTED]
- n. [REDACTED]
- o. [REDACTED]
- p. Balletti
- q. any White House person
- r. any DOJ person

26. The Committee wishes to be advised whether there was any electronic surveillance on Judy Campbell, [REDACTED] Samuel Giancana, Robert Maheu, [REDACTED] or Santos Trafficante.

Sincerely,

John T. Elliff

John T. Elliff  
Director

Domestic Intelligence Task Force

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### SELECT COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

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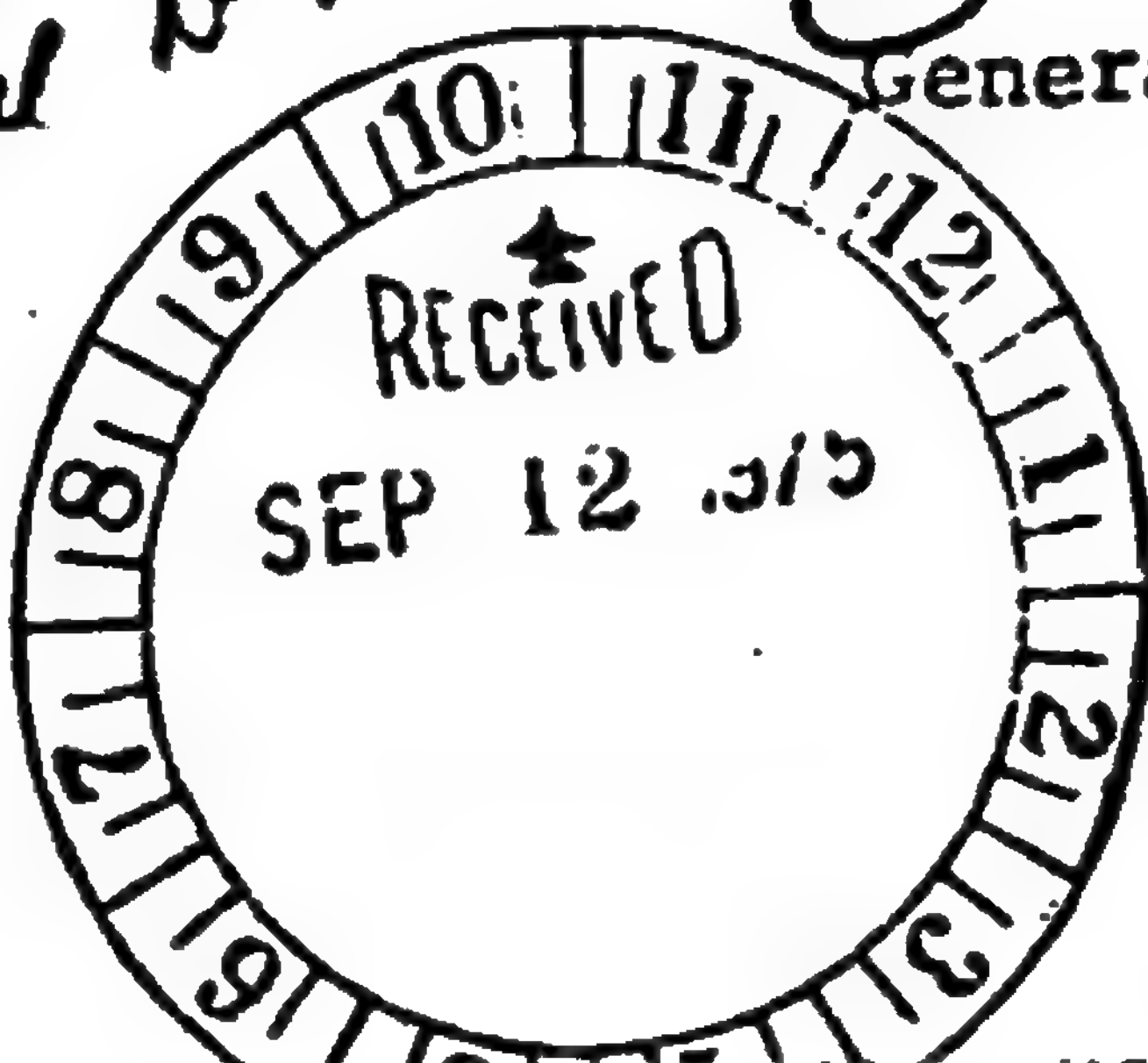
September 11, 1975

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Esquire  
Special Counsel for Intelligence  
Coordination  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shaheen:

The following list of documents and materials contained in the FBI and Justice Department files are hereby requested by the Senate Select Committee on Government Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities:

- ① FBI Memorandum of November 1, 1967 from Brennan to Sullivan.
- ② FBI Memorandum of May 8, 1967 from Brennan to Sullivan.
- ③ FBI Memorandum of June 21, 1963 from Brennan to Sullivan.
- ④ FBI Report of March 10, 1962 contained in Bureau file #92-3267.
- ⑤ Letter of July 9, 1963 from Director, FBI to Attorney General, contained in abovementioned Giancana correspondence file.
- ⑥ Letter from Robert Plummer to Phil White of February 6, 1962, contained in abovementioned Giancana correspondence file.
- ⑦ Memorandum of July 14, 1961 from Director, FBI to Attorney General, re: Giancana or Rosselli.





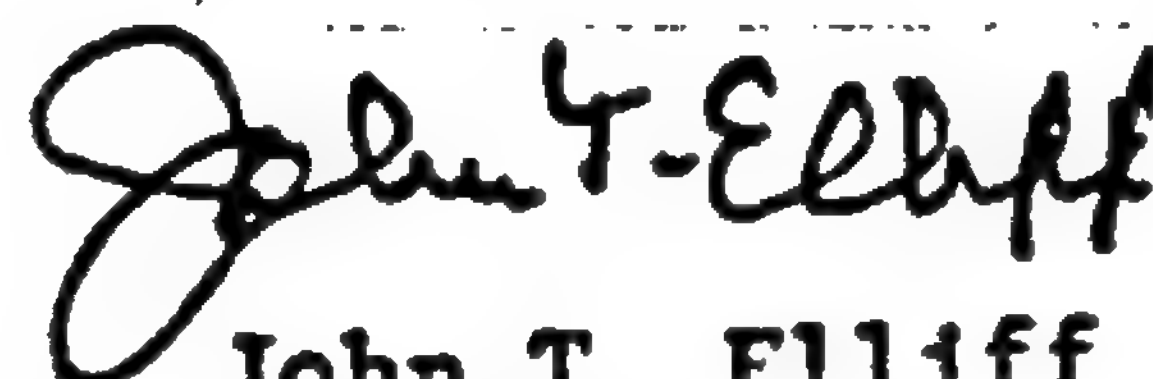
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⑧ Memorandum of July 26, 1961 from Director, FBI to Attorney General, re: Giancana or Rosselli.

Sincerely,



John T. Elliff

Director

Domestic Intelligence Task Force



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

**SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO**

**FILE NUMBER: 62-80750 CROSS-REFERENCES**



**UNITED STATES**

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

**SUBJECT: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)**  
**ROBERT A. MAHEU ASSOCIATES** 315

4 - Mr. Belmont

DATE: 7/2/65 1 - Liaison

**1 - Mr. Sullivan**

1 - Mr. Branigan

1 - Mr. R. W. Smith

1 - Mr. Wannall

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1 - Mr. Papich

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Maheu is a former Bureau Agent who entered on duty in 1940 and resigned in 1947. For several years he has been operating a private investigative agency which has included the handling of public relations business. The Bureau has been most circumspect in its dealings with Maheu since 1953.

In 1961, he was a possible subject of case involving a telephone wire tap but he claimed that he had ordered this technical coverage in behalf of CIA efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba. We did verify that CIA had utilized Maheu as an intermediary in their operations directed against Castro. In April, 1962, CIA objected to prosecution of Maheu, taking the position that such action might lead to the exposure of sensitive information relating to the abortive Cuban invasion of April, 1961, and would result in damaging embarrassment to the U.S. Government. The Director made the notation at this time "this is an outrage. H. A. [redacted]"

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ON 3/2/81  
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of John E. Bacon 8/27/80

The Attorney General

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

March 6, 1967

Director, FBI

Classified by *6049*

Mr. Papich  
Mr. Wannall  
Inspector

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S  
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO  
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO**

*1 know cc to 62-116391*

*Wannall to Bureau  
march 4/8/75*

Our files contain the following information concerning the captioned matter, much of which has been furnished by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) on a strictly highly confidential "need-to-know" basis. In view of this, it is requested that it be handled on a most restrictive basis.

This matter first came to our attention in the Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a local wire tapping charge. Balletti and another unidentified individual in October, 1960, had reportedly placed a wire tap on the telephone of Dan Rowan, a member of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire of the well-known McGuire Sisters singing trio who was also known to be a girl friend of Sam Giancana, a top hoodlum.

During the course of the Balletti investigation it was ascertained that Robert A. Maheu, a private detective, was involved. Maheu during interview claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Maheu stated also that he authorized the wiring of Rowan's room and had discussed the matter with Roselli.

The essence of the above was furnished to former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by letter dated May 22, 1961, which enclosed a memorandum of the same date containing data made available on May 3, 1961, by Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who at that time was Director of Security at CIA, regarding his utilization of Maheu in connection with anti-Castro activities. Since our files show that Mr. Kennedy returned the original of our letter and its enclosed memorandum dated May 22, 1961,

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**The Attorney General**

to us for filing purposes, a copy of the May 22, 1961, memorandum is attached hereto for your information. (u)

You will note that Colonel Edwards advised he personally contacted Robert Maheu during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Maheu as a "cutout" in contacts with Sam Giancana in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against Castro. Colonel Edwards stated that Giancana's activities were completely "backstopped" by Maheu, who would frequently report Giancana's actions and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Maheu or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were reported to him, according to Edwards, as such involved "dirty business," of which Colonel Edwards could not afford to have knowledge. Accordingly, he said he had no prior knowledge of the above-mentioned wire tapping by Balletti. (u)

Further with respect to this matter, I was informed of the following on a highly confidential basis by former Attorney General Kennedy during a conference in my office on May 9, 1962:

He indicated that a few days prior thereto he had been advised by CIA that Robert A. Maheu had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana with a proposition of paying \$150,000 to hire some gunmen to go into Cuba and kill Castro. He further stated CIA admitted having assisted Maheu in making the "bugging" installation in Las Vegas (referred to above) which uncovered this clandestine operation and for this reason CIA could not afford to have any action taken against Giancana or Maheu. Mr. Kennedy stated that upon learning CIA had not cleared its action in hiring Maheu and Giancana with the Department of Justice he issued orders that CIA should never again take such steps without first checking with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Kennedy further advised that because of this matter it would be very difficult to initiate any prosecution against Giancana, as Giancana could immediately bring out the fact the United States Government had approached him to arrange for the assassination of Castro. He stated the same was true concerning any action we might take against Maheu for any violation in which he might become involved.

On June 20, 1963, Mr. William Harvey, an official of CIA, advised that he had held a meeting with John Roselli (referred to above as Maheu's link with Giancana) for the purpose of closing out the entire matter with which Roselli had been involved. In this connection, Harvey stated that CIA had

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## **The Attorney General**

established contact with Roselli in "early 1961" with respect to a sensitive operation against Castro. Harvey said that for all intents and purposes the operation was discontinued and canceled after the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in April, 1961, but Roselli had not been completely cut off, as he periodically indicated he was in a position to be of assistance.

It appears Roselli has since that time, nevertheless, used his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. For example, in May, 1966, when contacted by Agents of this Bureau in connection with our current investigation of his activities he refused to talk and immediately flew to Washington, D. C., and consulted with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who is now retired from CIA. Colonel Edwards in turn advised CIA, which told us. Mr. Howard J. Osborn, the present Director of Security, CIA, freely has admitted to us that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and that he would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA if it served his own interests. In furnishing this information, Mr. Osborn asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. ~~XS~~(u)

In light of the above information furnished us by CIA and former Attorney General Kennedy, it appears that data which came to our attention in October, 1960, possibly pertains to the captioned matter. At that time a source close to Giancana advised that during a conversation with several friends Giancana stated that Fidel Castro was "to be done away with very shortly." Giancana reportedly assured those present that Castro's assassination would occur in November, 1960, and that he had already met with the assassin-to-be on three occasions, the last meeting having taken place on a boat docked at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Reportedly, Giancana claimed that everything had been perfected for the killing and the "assassin" had arranged with a girl, not further described, to drop a "pill" in Castro's drink or food.

Also of possible interest is a news article carried in the August 16, 1963, issue of the "Chicago Sun Times." This article carried the headline, "CIA Bought Giancana's Help For Cuba Spying," and it was reported therein that CIA agents had contacted Giancana in an effort to obtain Cuban intelligence after Castro came into power. u

**Enclosure**

1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)

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**The Attorney General**

**NOTE:**

See cover memorandum Wannall to Sullivan, same caption,  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Wick

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TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: March 6, 1967

FROM : W. R. Wannall

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Papich  
1 - Mr. Wannall  
1 - Inspector

SUBJECT: ~~TOP SECRET~~  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S  
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO  
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO  
DECLASSIFIED BY SP4-~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
ON 3/2/81 TO IPAD 22,330

CIA Info declassified  
per let of John C. ~~XXXXXX~~  
8/27/80

In accordance with instructions, attached letter has been prepared for Attorney General setting forth all data in our files concerning captioned matter. Briefly, information being furnished is as follows:

Matter first came to our attention in Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of violation of Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on wire tapping charge. Wire tap involved was on telephone of Dan Rowan, member of Rowan and Martin comedy team. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Phyllis McGuire, girl friend of top hoodlum Sam Giancana and member of McGuire Sisters singing trio.

Through our investigation we determined involvement of Robert A. Maheu, private detective, who stated coverage on Rowan instituted in behalf of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. Maheu was in contact with Giancana through services of John Roselli, another hoodlum, and Maheu authorized wiring of Rowan's room.

We checked matter with CIA on 5/3/61 and learned CIA was utilizing Maheu as intermediary with Sam Giancana relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. CIA insisted it did not give Maheu any instructions relative to use of technical installations. By letter 5/22/61 we furnished former Attorney General Kennedy a memorandum containing a rundown on CIA's involvement in this. The originals of the letter and memorandum were returned to us for filing purposes. A copy of that memorandum is being attached to instant letter being sent to Attorney General.

On 5/9/62 Kennedy discussed with the Director a number of matters, including admission by CIA that Robert Maheu had been

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan  
Re: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S  
INTENTIONS TO SEND HOODLUMS TO  
CUBA TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO

hired by that Agency to approach Sam Giancana to have Castro assassinated at a cost of \$150,000. Kennedy stated he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with Department of Justice and stated because of this matter it would be difficult to prosecute Giancana or Maheu then or in the future.

We learned on 6/20/63 from CIA that its contacts with John Roselli (Maheu's link with Giancana) had continued up until that time, when they were reportedly cut off.

It appears Roselli is using his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. In May, 1966, when Bureau Agents endeavored to interview him he immediately flew to Washington and informed his former CIA intermediary. The current Director of Security, CIA, has advised through liaison channels that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and Roselli would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA to serve his own interests. In furnishing this information we were asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. We have, however, included it in the attached proposed letter to the Attorney General noting this CIA specific restriction. *XS(u)*

We have two other references in our files to the over-all above information which we have included in the letter. One relates to a statement by Giancana in October, 1960, that he had met with an individual who was to assassinate Castro in November, 1960. The other is an article in the 8/16/63 issue of the "Chicago Sun Times" reporting that CIA agents had contacted Giancana to obtain Cuban intelligence.

ACTION:

If approved, attached letter will be sent to the Attorney General, with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General. U

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*The Attorney General asked for this information on Friday 3/3/67.*  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan

1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. J.H. Gale  
1 - Mr. T.E. Bishop

DATE: 1/18/71

FROM : W. R. Wannall

1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan  
1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan  
1 - Mr. W.R. Wannall  
1 - Mr. Nasca

SUBJECT: ~~CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY'S INVOLVEMENT IN ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE CASTRO~~

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ON 3/10/81  
John E. Bacon 8/27/80

Memorandum concerns Jack Anderson's column in 1/18/71 "Washington Post," which indicates Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) made six attempts to assassinate Premier Fidel Castro.

Anderson claims CIA's first attempt began as part of Bay of Pigs operation (1961); after it failed sent five more assassination teams to Cuba; and among those privy to CIA conspiracy is suspicion, unsupported by Warren Commission's findings, that Castro became aware of assassination plot and somehow recruited Lee Harvey Oswald to retaliate against President Kennedy. With regard to first attempt, Anderson stated CIA enlisted Robert Maheu, former FBI Agent, who recruited gambler John Roselli to arrange assassination.

CIA's involvement in Castro assassination plan first came to our attention in 1961. At that time, we conducted investigation of violation of Unauthorized Publication or use of Communications Statute by Arthur James Balletti, arrested in Las Vegas, Nevada, by local authorities on wire tapping charge. Our investigation determined this involved Maheu who stated coverage was instituted in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain Cuban intelligence data through hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana. Maheu was in contact with Giancana through services of John Roselli another hoodlum.

On 5/3/61, CIA advised it was utilizing Maheu as intermediary with Giancana relative to CIA's "dirty business" anti-Castro activities. On 5/22/61, we furnished facts to then Attorney General Kennedy. On 5/9/62, Kennedy stated he had issued orders that CIA should never undertake such steps again without first checking with Department of Justice. On 3/6/67, all information in our files concerning this matter was furnished to Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General.

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Memorandum W. R. Wannall to Mr. C. D. Brennan  
Re: Central Intelligence Agency's Involvement in  
Attempts to Assassinate Castro

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In February, 1967, Secret Service advised columnist Drew Pearson contacted former Chief Justice Warren concerning information in possession of Attorney Edward P. Morgan, former Bureau Inspector. Morgan alleged former Attorney General Kennedy organized group to kill Castro. Subsequently, after Castro learned of plot, he decided to utilize same procedure to kill President Kennedy and hired Oswald to do the job. On 3/17/67, White House requested Bureau interview Morgan concerning assassination of President Kennedy.

Morgan was interviewed on 3/20/67. Due to attorney-client relationship, Morgan would not identify persons who furnished information concerning assassination. Morgan alleged his clients were used by a Government Agency (obviously CIA) to plot assassination of Castro and that Castro learned of plot and thereafter dispatched teams of assassins to U. S. to assassinate President Kennedy. He stated that the information attributed to Drew Pearson probably arose as a result of comments Morgan made suggesting that Lee Harvey Oswald "was not the only person involved" in the assassination of President Kennedy. Morgan furnished no information to the effect Castro hired Oswald to assassinate Kennedy and we developed no such information during our extensive investigation of the Kennedy assassination. Results of our interview with Morgan together with the information we previously had concerning CIA's involvement in plot to assassinate Castro, was furnished White House, Attorney General, and Secret Service on 3/22/67.

We have no information concerning the other five CIA alleged assassination plots against Castro.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

THE WASHINGTON POST Monday, Jan. 18, 1971

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# 6 Attempts to Kill Castro Laid to CIA

By Jack Anderson

Locked in the darkest recesses of the Central Intelligence Agency is the story of six assassination attempts against Cuba's Fidel Castro.

For 10 years, only a few key people have known the terrible secret. They have sworn never to talk. Yet we have learned the details from sources whose credentials are beyond question.

We spoke to John McCone, who headed the CIA at the time of the assassination attempts. He acknowledged the idea had been discussed inside the CIA but insisted it had been "rejected immediately." He vigorously denied that the CIA had ever participated in any plot on Castro's life. Asked whether the attempts could have been made with his knowledge, he replied: "It could not have happened."

We have complete confidence, however, in our sources.

The plot to knock off Castro began as part of the Bay of Pigs operation. The intent was to eliminate the Cuban dicta-

tor before the motley invaders landed on the island. Their arrival was expected to touch off a general uprising, which the Communist militia would have had more trouble putting down without the charismatic Castro to lead them.

After the first attempt failed, five more assassination teams were sent to Cuba. The last team reportedly made it to a rooftop within shooting distance of Castro before they were apprehended. This happened around the last of February or first of March, 1963.

Nine months later, President Kennedy was gunned down in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald, a fanatic who previously had agitated for Castro in New Orleans and had made a mysterious trip to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

Among those privy to the CIA conspiracy, there is still a nagging suspicion—unsupported by the Warren Commission's findings—that Castro became aware of the U.S. plot upon his life and somehow recruited Oswald to retal-

late against President Kennedy.

To set up the Castro assassination, the CIA enlisted Robert Maheu, a former FBI agent with shadowy contacts, who had handled other undercover assignments for the CIA out of his Washington public relations office. He later moved to Las Vegas to head up billionaire Howard Hughes' Nevada operations.

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## The Washington Merry-Go-Round

# 6 Attempts to Kill Castro Laid to CIA

By Jack Anderson

Locked in the darkest recesses of the Central Intelligence Agency is the story of six assassination attempts against Cuba's Fidel Castro.

For 10 years, only a few key people have known the terrible secret. They have sworn never to talk. Yet we have learned the details from sources whose credentials are beyond question.

We spoke to John McCone, who headed the CIA at the time of the assassination attempts. He acknowledged the idea had been discussed inside the CIA but insisted it had been "rejected immediately." He vigorously denied that the CIA had ever participated in any plot on Castro's life. Asked whether the attempts could have been made with his knowledge, he replied: "It could not have happened."

We have complete confidence, however, in our sources.

The plot to knock off Castro began as part of the Bay of Pigs operation. The intent was to eliminate the Cuban dicta-

tor before the motley invaders landed on the island. Their arrival was expected to touch off a general uprising, which the Communist militia would have had more trouble putting down without the charismatic Castro to lead them.

After the first attempt failed, five more assassination teams were sent to Cuba. The last team reportedly made it to a rooftop within shooting distance of Castro before they were apprehended. This happened around the last of February or first of March, 1963.

Nine months later, President Kennedy was gunned down in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald, a fanatic who previously had agitated for Castro in New Orleans and had made a mysterious trip to the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

Among those privy to the CIA conspiracy, there is still a nagging suspicion—unsupported by the Warren Commission's findings—that Castro became aware of the U.S. plot upon his life and somehow recruited Oswald to retal-

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# Castro Plot Raises Ugly Questions

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 By Jack Anderson

The plot to kill Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, hidden for 10 years from the public, raises some ugly questions that high officials would rather keep buried deep inside the Central Intelligence Agency.

1. Has the CIA tried to assassinate any other leaders? John McCone, who headed the CIA during the six attempts to knock off Castro, denied emphatically that the CIA has tried to kill anyone. But ex-Sen. George Smathers, one of John F. Kennedy's closest friends, told us the late President suspected that the CIA had arranged the shootings of the Dominican Republic's Rafael Trujillo in 1961 and South Vietnam's Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963.

2. Did President Kennedy personally sanction the plot against Castro? The preparations to assassinate the Cuban dictator began during the last months of the Eisenhower administration as part of the Bay of Pigs scheme. All six attempts, however, were made during 1961-63 when Mr. Kennedy occupied the White House. Smathers told us he once spoke to the late President about assassinating Castro. Mr. Kennedy merely rolled back his eyes, recalled Smathers, as if to indicate the idea was too wild to discuss. Subsequently, Mr. Kennedy told Smathers of his suspicion that the CIA may have been

behind the Trujillo and Diem assassinations.

3. Did the late Robert Kennedy know about the assassination attempts? After the Bay of Pigs fiasco, President Kennedy swore to friends he would like "to splinter the CIA in a thousand pieces and scatter it to the winds." He put his brother, Robert, in charge of the CIA with instructions to shake it up. The CIA made five attempts on Castro's life after the Bay of Pigs while Robert Kennedy was riding herd on the agency.

4. Could the plot against Castro have backfired against President Kennedy? The late President was murdered nine months after the last assassination team was caught on a Havana rooftop with high-powered rifles. Presumably, they were subjected to fiendish tortures until they told all they knew. None of the assassination teams, however, had direct knowledge of the CIA involvement. The CIA instigators had represented themselves as oilmen seeking revenge against Castro for his seizure of oil holdings.

### PLOT BACKFIRE?

Former associates recall that Robert Kennedy, deeply despondent, went into semi-seclusion after his brother's assassination. Could he have been tormented by more than natural grief? He certainly learned that the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, had been active in the pro-Castro move-

ment and had traveled to Mexico to visit the Cuban Embassy a few weeks before the dreadful day in Dallas. Could Bob Kennedy have been plagued by the terrible thought that the CIA plot, which he must at least have condoned, put into motion forces that may have brought about his brother's martyr-

The last surviving brother, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass), could give us no insight. His brothers had never spoken to him about any assassination attempts against Castro, he said. He was aware, he volunteered, only that Sen. Smathers had talked to the late President about eliminating Castro.

Smathers told us that President Kennedy seemed "horried" at the idea of political assassinations. "I remember him saying," recalled Smathers, "that the CIA frequently did things he didn't know about, and he was unhappy about it. He complained that the CIA was almost autonomous."

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"He told me he believed the CIA had arranged to have Diem and Trujillo bumped off. He was pretty well shocked about that. He thought it was a stupid thing to do, and he wanted to get control of what the CIA was doing."

But McCone, disagreeing vigorously, told us that "no plot was authorized or implemented" to assassinate Castro, Trujillo, Diem or anyone else.

"During those days of tension, there was a wide spectrum of plans ranging from one extreme to another," McCone admitted. "Whenever this subject (assassinating Castro) was brought up—and it was — it was rejected immediately on two grounds. First, it would not be condoned by anybody. Second, it wouldn't have achieved anything."

There was also talk in high places, McCone acknowledged, of supporting a coup to oust Diem. The former CIA director said he had argued against this at a secret session with both Kennedy brothers. He had contended that there was no one strong enough to take Diem's place and that a coup, therefore, would bring "political upheaval."

"I told the President and Bobby together," recalled McCone, "that if I were running a baseball team and had only one pitcher, I wouldn't take him out of the game."

The November, 1963, coup caught the United States completely by surprise, he said. While the plotters were moving on the palace, he said, then-Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge was visiting Diem. Adm. Ulysses Sharp, then our Pacific commander, had also been present, but had left early to go to the airport.

McCone said President Diem escaped through a tunnel but was caught in nearby Cholon and "shot in a station wagon."



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This matter first came to our attention in the Spring of 1961 in connection with our investigation of a violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of Arthur James Balletti, who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a local wire tapping charge. Balletti and another unidentified individual in October, 1960, had reportedly placed a wire tap on the telephone of Dan Rowan, a member of the comedy team of Rowan and Martin. Rowan at the time reportedly was engaged to Fayllis McGuire of the well-known McGuire Sisters singing trio who was also known to be a girl friend of Sam Giancana, a top hoodlum. U

During the course of the Balletti investigation it was ascertained that Robert A. Maheu, a private detective, was involved. Maheu during interview claimed he ordered coverage of Rowan in behalf of CIA's efforts to obtain intelligence information in Cuba through the hoodlum element, including Sam Giancana, which had interests there. Maheu said he was put in contact with Giancana in connection with these intelligence activities through John Roselli, a Los Angeles hoodlum. Maheu stated also that he authorized the wiring of Rowan's room and had discussed the matter with Roselli. 62-80750-4523

The essence of the above was furnished to former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy by letter dated May 22, 1961, which enclosed a memorandum of the same date containing data made available on May 3, 1961, by Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who at that time was Director of Security at CIA, regarding his utilization of Maheu in connection with anti-Castro activities. Since our files show that Mr. Kennedy returned the original of our letter and its enclosed memorandum dated May 22, 1961.

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**The Attorney General**

to us for filing purposes, a copy of the May 22, 1961, memorandum is attached hereto for your information. (u)

You will note that Colonel Edwards advised he personally contacted Robert Maheu during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Maheu as a "cutout" in contacts with Sam Giancana in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against Castro. Colonel Edwards stated that Giancana's activities were completely "backstopped" by Maheu, who would frequently report Giancana's actions and information to Edwards. No details or methods used by Maheu or Giancana in accomplishing their missions were reported to him, according to Edwards, as such involved "dirty business," of which Colonel Edwards could not afford to have knowledge. Accordingly, he said he had no prior knowledge of the above-mentioned wire tapping by Balletti. (u)

Further with respect to this matter, I was informed of the following on a highly confidential basis by former Attorney General Kennedy during a conference in my office on May 9, 1962:

He indicated that a few days prior thereto he had been advised by CIA that Robert A. Maheu had been hired by CIA to approach Sam Giancana with a proposition of paying \$150,000 to hire some gunmen to go into Cuba and kill Castro. He further stated CIA admitted having assisted Maheu in making the "bugging" installation in Las Vegas (referred to above) which uncovered this clandestine operation and for this reason CIA could not afford to have any action taken against Giancana or Maheu. Mr. Kennedy stated that upon learning CIA had not cleared its action in hiring Maheu and Giancana with the Department of Justice he issued orders that CIA should never again take such steps without first checking with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Kennedy further advised that because of this matter it would be very difficult to initiate any prosecution against Giancana, as Giancana could immediately bring out the fact the United States Government had approached him to arrange for the assassination of Castro. He stated the same was true concerning any action we might take against Maheu for any violation in which he might become involved.

On June 20, 1963, Mr. William Harvey, an official of CIA, advised that he had held a meeting with John Roselli (referred to above as Maheu's link with Giancana) for the purpose of closing out the entire matter with which Roselli had been involved. In this connection, Harvey stated that CIA had

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established contact with Roselli in "early 1961" with respect to a sensitive operation against Castro. Harvoy said that for all intents and purposes the operation was discontinued and canceled after the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion in April, 1961, but Roselli had not been completely cut off, as he periodically indicated he was in a position to be of assistance.

It appears Roselli has since that time, nevertheless, used his prior connections with CIA to his best advantage. For example, in May, 1966, when contacted by Agents of this Bureau in connection with our current investigation of his activities he refused to talk and immediately flew to Washington, D. C., and consulted with Colonel Sheffield Edwards, who is now retired from CIA. Colonel Edwards in turn advised CIA, which told us. Mr. Howard J. Osborn, the present Director of Security, CIA, freely has admitted to us that Roselli has CIA in an unusually vulnerable position and that he would have no qualms about embarrassing CIA if it served his own interests. In furnishing this information, Mr. Osborn asked that it be held within this Bureau on a strictly need-to-know basis. *KS(u)*

In light of the above information furnished us by CIA and former Attorney General Kennedy, it appears that data which came to our attention in October, 1960, possibly pertains to the captioned matter. At that time a source close to Giancana advised that during a conversation with several friends Giancana stated that Fidel Castro was "to be done away with very shortly." Giancana reportedly assured those present that Castro's assassination would occur in November, 1960, and that he had already met with the assassin-to-be on three occasions, the last meeting having taken place on a boat docked at the Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. Reportedly, Giancana claimed that everything had been perfected for the killing and the "assassin" had arranged with a girl, not further described, to drop a "pill" in Castro's drink or food.

Also of possible interest is a news article carried in the August 16, 1963, issue of the "Chicago Sun Times." This article carried the headline, "CIA Sought Giancana's Help For Cuba Spying," and it was reported therein that CIA agents had contacted Giancana in an effort to obtain Cuban intelligence after Castro came into power.

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Colonel Edwards advised that in connection with CIA's operation against Castro he personally contacted Robert Mahon during the Fall of 1960 for the purpose of using Mahon as a "cut-out" in contacts with Sam Giancana, a known hoodlum in the Chicago area. Colonel Edwards said that since the underworld controlled gambling activities in Cuba under the Batista government, it was assumed that this element would still continue to have sources and contacts in Cuba which perhaps could be utilized successfully in connection with CIA's clandestine efforts against the Castro government. As a result, Mahon's services were solicited as a "cut-out" because of his possible entree into underworld circles. Mahon obtained Sam Giancana's assistance in this regard and according to Edwards, Giancana gave every indication of cooperating through Mahon in attempting to accomplish several clandestine efforts in Cuba. Edwards added that none of Giancana's efforts have materialized to date and that several of the plans still are working and may eventually "pay off."

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Colonel Edwards related that Maheu did come to him concerning the arrest in Las Vegas of Balletti for "wire tapping." Maheu cautioned Edwards that the Balletti arrest could cause CIA some embarrassment since Balletti was in Las Vegas attempting to obtain coverage on some "Hollywood people" in connection with Giancana's efforts for CIA. Edwards said that he did not know the facts of the Balletti case and Maheu claims "Balletti went too far" in his efforts to obtain information. Edwards added that he was unaware of any reason for this activity of Maheu or Giancana in Las Vegas and that Giancana's activity in furtherance of the anti-Castro activity was left completely in Maheu's hands.

Colonel Edwards advised that only Mr. Bissell (Deputy Director of Plans, CIA) and two others in CIA were aware of the Giancana - Maheu activity in behalf of CIA's program and that Allen Dulles was completely unaware of Edwards' contact with Maheu in this connection. He added that Mr. Bissell, during his recent briefings of General Taylor and the Attorney General in connection with their inquiries into CIA relating to the Cuban situation, told the Attorney General that some of CIA's associated planning included the use of Giancana and the underworld against Castro.

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